# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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SECOND PALACE ON WHEELS
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Railways propose to launch a second 'Palace on Wheels';

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Railways propose to invite private partnership in this regard;

(d) If so, the details thereof alongwith progress made in this regard so far; and

(e) The time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to start a second 'Palace on Wheels' in collaboration with the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC). The train is to run on the same sector as in the existing Palace on Wheels. The State Government of Rajasthan has agreed to share the capital cost, of the train, with the Railways. No timeframe has been set for the launching of the train.